

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A thermal printer comprising:
 - a platen roller whose shaft is rotatably supported to a main body case;
 - a thermal head composed of a long line head and capable of contacting with or separating from the platen roller; and
 - a pair of head supporting members for supporting both ends of the thermal head in a longitudinal direction;
a rotation supporting portion configured to rotate the head supporting members supporting the thermal head; and
at least one hole shape, elongated in a direction parallel to a direction in which the thermal head contacts or separates from the platen roller, in the rotation supporting portions of the pair of head supporting members;
wherein inner surfaces of the elongated hole shaped rotation supporting portion facing each other in the longitudinal direction are formed in a circular arc shape whose center is a contact point of the thermal head and the platen roller.
~~wherein one end of each of the head supporting members supporting the thermal head is rotatable with a rotation supporting portion formed at another end thereof as a rotation point, and~~
~~wherein at least one of the rotation supporting portions of the pair of head supporting members is formed in a hole shape elongated in a direction parallel to a direction in which the thermal head contacts or separates from the platen roller.~~
2. (Original) The thermal printer according to Claim 1,
wherein the rotation supporting portions are supported by supporting shafts fixed to the main body case.

3. (Previously presented) The thermal printer according to Claim 1,

wherein the thermal head is pressure-contacted to the platen roller by the elastic force applied from an elastic member to the head supporting members.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The thermal printer according to Claim 2,

wherein the thermal head is pressure-contacted to the platen roller by the elastic force applied from an elastic member to the head supporting members.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)